

## BENTON'S BRIGHT FUTURE

The City at the Head of Navigation  
Keeping Up With Her Sister  
Towns.

The Center of a Rich and Rapidly  
Growing Section in Northern  
Montana.

The Proposed Billings and Lethbridge  
Branches—Sheep, Cattle and Wool  
Shipments for a Year.

Fort Benton, Nov. 8.—[Special.]—While a heavy decline in the river trade followed as the natural result of the advent of the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba railroad into Fort Benton, the importance of that city as a distributing and commercial point will be largely increased when the plans for its prosperity are materialized. The new railroad cut off a large part of Benton's territory and turned traffic from far away sections of Montana to other cities but in turn it brought many advantages. It gave shippers a rapid and easy means of transportation, and what is still more important, it opened up a fertile and promising field for emigration. This change has resulted in a fast increasing population in a still large section of country, of which Benton will always remain the center. Business in the city is rapidly increasing. Mr. Miller, of the firm of T. C. Power & Co., says the trade of their house during the past season has been larger than ever before, and other business men in the city speak in a like encouraging manner.

The recent improvements in Benton are substantial evidences of the city's solid prosperity. The Fort Benton Water and Electric Light company now furnishes the city with an ample and satisfactory supply of water by the Holly system. There is a constant pressure of forty pounds maintained by automatic pumps and this may be increased to seventy-five pounds when desired. As the water comes from the Missouri river, a source of supply will always exist. The city is well lighted with electric and incandescent lamps. The water and light rates are very moderate and the service is satisfactory.

The recent completion of the new iron bridge over the Missouri river shows the progressive character of Benton's citizens. It was constructed by local capital at a cost of \$68,000. It is a substantial and graceful structure consisting of five spans with a draw span over the navigable part of the river. A small toll is charged for passage, though it is the intention of the owners to remove the toll at some future time. A recent addition to the business of the city is the large flouring mill of J. H. Kinney, formerly of Illinois. It is a fine building, five barrels of choice roller flour are turned out of this establishment each day. The wheat, which is as fine and hard as any in the country, comes from the valleys and bench lands tributary to Benton. A large considerable wheat is brought in wagons from the Judith river country 100 miles distant.

A recent financial change will soon result in a new bank to be known as the Montana National Bank of Fort Benton. It will start in business with a paid up capital of \$100,000, and will have the backing of some of the wealthiest men in Montana. Benton people are now excited over the proposed construction of two new railroads to the city. Their confidence that the road will be built seems well grounded. The Northern Pacific people have shown their intention of building a road from Billings to Benton by making the preliminary surveys, and by further sending out a corps of 100 men to locate the route. This work was begun at the close of the season. It is reasonably certain that the road will provide a means of early access to a magnificent section of Montana, the development of which will be under native ownership to the commercial interests of Benton.

The construction of a road from Benton to Lethbridge in connection with the Canadian Pacific seems even more certain. The proposed road has been surveyed by the company. It will be a fine road, and the fact that Sir Alexander T. Galt, of Montreal, is the leading spirit of the enterprise will run over a narrow gauge by the way of the Sweet Grass hills to Lethbridge, 185 miles distant. The local capitalists interested are Messrs W. G. and C. E. Conrad. The route has been surveyed, the track has been subscribed and it is believed that the road will be under active construction in the spring. When these roads are finished the Manitoba road will undoubtedly be forced to run its line to the city. A railroad station two miles from a town is an inconvenience fully appreciated by the citizens of Benton. Railroad discrimination in favor of another town is an injustice which will soon be removed by Benton's pluck and enterprise. Three railroads in this city will work wonders for Benton's growth. Her citizens are now seeing a return of the commercial prestige enjoyed by Benton when there were no railroads to interfere with traffic on the upper Missouri river.

The river this season has been a foot lower than ever before known. As a consequence navigation has been greatly impeded and but few steamers reached Benton during the summer. The work of government dredging has been extended as far as the last appropriation of \$50,000 would permit. The excellent results of this work will become more fully apparent next year, when, unless the adverse drought of this season is repeated, navigation will be open for a longer period than usual. The citizens of Benton appreciate the importance of keeping up river traffic. They understand the advantage of an open waterway to a commercial town and they take genuine pleasure in telling you that Benton is the only Montana town that has such a water route. It is sensibly argued that open navigation on the Missouri will always keep railroad freight rates down to a reasonable basis. Then again Benton people will refer you to history to show that every important commercial city in the country is situated on navigable water. A water highway, they say, is beyond the control of syndicates or corporations, and Benton has it. While it is claimed that the influence of outside parties has been used to draw away trade from the town, the shipments for the last year show that the city is recognized by stock and wool men as the best shipping point in Montana. Of 95,000 sheep shipped from northern Montana this year 70,000 were sent from Benton. That it is still the center for wool buyers is shown by the fact that more than 2,000,000 pounds of wool was sent over the rails from this point. This is a much larger amount of wool than was shipped from any other town in northern Montana. The cattle shipments have been light, but no lighter than those from other points. This is the result of heavy cattle losses in 1888.

There is one feature of Benton's history that is often overlooked when the growth of the city is considered. It is generally regarded as the oldest city in the state, but this is only partly true. Previous to 1880 its existence was simply that of a trading post. The surrounding country was undeveloped and it was simply a distributing point for other towns. The business importance of Benton as it now exists has been developed during the last ten years with the growth of the territory surrounding it. The solid prosperity of the city is the outgrowth of its recognized advantages for business and commercial purposes. In 1880 there were not a brick building in Benton. The substantial business houses erected since then show the confidence held by the owners in the city's future. The magnificent new court house and the costly and well equipped school buildings are substantial products of Benton's

public spirit as well as the more recent improvements. These indicate a readiness on the part of the citizens to supply the city's needs and to keep pace with the growth of other towns. It seems certain that the recent opening of the great Indian reservation in Northern Montana for settlement will give added importance to Benton. When the "Galt" road is finished a large part of the trade from this vast section will become tributary to the city on the Missouri.

You can get a fine seal or beaver silk plush muff for \$2 at The Bee Hive regular price \$2.50.

Twenty per cent. off on all stamped goods at the Woman's Exchange.

Mrs. Irwin has opened a fine stock of millinery goods at her new stand on Main street, one door north of Sands Bros. New goods are constantly being received.

Ladies don't miss the great offer this week at Fowler's Cash Store. They have placed on their bargain counter 100 Pongee scarfs, 34 inches long and stamped on each end, for the astonishing low price of 25c; regular price \$1.25. Get one now before this elegant lot is broken, for they will make a lovely Christmas present.

Oysters in every style at the Crystal Restaurant.

A great secret: To restore your appetite go to Crystal Restaurant, Grand street.

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JOINTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

John S. Tucker's bond and oath is for \$5,000, and the sureties are Joseph Davis and T. H. Kleinenschmidt.

Wm. Mayner of Marysville, denies the correctness of the statement made by Henry Bratton, regarding the St. Louis Mining and Milling company, and the course of its alleged vein.

The sale of seats for the Helen Blythe engagement, begun yesterday and was quite large. The bill for Monday night is "Mother's Love," Wednesday "The Creek" will be given.

The street car company yesterday received two new cars from the Stevenson company. They are very handsome and each has a stove. One is painted blue and this car is to be exclusively for business to the Montana Central depot.

M. Byrnes and C. A. Donnelly yesterday filed with the county clerk and recorder notice of location of fifty inches of the creek of Walker creek, to be used for mining and milling purposes.

The official bond and oath of Charles M. Jeffers, as sheriff of Lewis and Clarke county, was filed for record yesterday. The bond is for \$25,000. The sureties are R. C. Wallace, Joseph Gann, Wm. Reed and John S. Harris.

The Kleinenschmidt-Paynter company filed articles of incorporation yesterday with a capital stock of \$100,000, divided into 1,000 shares of \$10 each par value. The incorporators are Carl Kleinenschmidt, Carl Kleinenschmidt, Jr., R. L. and W. S. Paynter. They will conduct a general real estate, loan, commission, insurance and brokerage business.

Twenty per cent. off on all stamped goods at the Woman's Exchange.

One hundred and twelve pieces decorated English dinner set only \$14 at The Bee Hive.

Ball's Cabinets \$3 Per Dozen.

Cabinet photos \$3 per dozen at Ball's gallery, Helena ave. corner Warren, on our line.

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Winter Excursions to California.

On the 15th day of every month the Northern Pacific Railroad company will sell excursion tickets to San Francisco and return at \$75 to Los Angeles and return \$90. These tickets have an extreme limit of six months from date of issuance and can be used going any time within sixty (60) days from date of sale. Stop-overs allowed at any point desired—either going or returning—within limit of ticket. Excursionists have choice of two routes from Portland—by steamer, or by rail, via the famous Mount Shasta route.

Bear in mind that the Northern Pacific is the only line running through sleeping and dining cars to the Pacific coast.

A. D. Egan, General Agent.

Try It.

Try our best patent flour, the best in the market, and Whittaker Star hams, at J. M. McPherson & Co.'s.

Information Wanted.

A liberal reward will be paid by the undersigned leading to the information or whereabouts of Emil Frank, of Colfax, Washington, or for the recovery of his body.

Helena, Mont.

Sale of Household Furniture.

After Monday, Nov. 11th, I will offer at private sale all my household goods.

W. G. BAILEY.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following real estate transfers were filed for record with County Clerk and Recorder today Friday and Saturday:

C. F. Ellis and wife to A. W. Markley, lot 10, block 32, and one-fourth interest in lot 23, block 42, and lots 11 and 12, block 42, lot 2, and lot 10, block 54, and north half of lot 7, block 54, Helena townsite.

A. W. Markley to Cora P. Ellis, same as above.

John C. Ballitt, Jr. to Wm. Miller, lots 9 and 10, block 64, Northern Pacific addition.

Wm. Miller to Edie B. Cain, lots 9 and 10, block 64, Northern Pacific addition.

C. H. Cox et al. to John J. Jeffers, lots 27 and 28, block 70, Broadwater addition.

Sarah Jeffers to Katie Scott, lots 27 and 28, Broadwater addition.

Chas. R. Lee to Fred E. Cornish, lots 10 and 11, block 46, Broadwater addition.

Betty Klein to Morris C. Howard, lot 10, north 100 feet of lot 24, block 2, Flower garden addition.

T. H. Kleinenschmidt et al. to Marjorie C. Howard, lots 23 and 24, block 2, Flower garden addition.

Kathleen L. Miller to Levi L. Kirby, lot 8, block 38, Mine addition.

Table linen, towels, napkins, Jerseys, ladies and children's underwear, all at the lowest cash prices—wholesale quality—competition at Fowler's Cash Store.

See the beautiful line of plush albums just opened at The Bee Hive.

## ALONE IN HIS SORROW.

How the News of the Republican  
Waterloo was Received by  
the President.

Attorney-General's Attempt to  
Console Him by Fixing Up  
Montana.

Nobody Thought Enough of the Man at the  
White House to Send Him  
a Dispatch.

Tuesday night was a time of gloom at the White house. Arrangements had been made to read the news to members of the cabinet and other friends who might drop in, but the president was left practically alone in his sorrow, says a Washington dispatch. The upper part of the mansion was brilliantly illuminated, and several of the employees were asked to come down for the evening to help take care of the guests, but the mansion was practically deserted.

Early in the evening the president was in good spirits. He had received a dispatch from Mahone during the afternoon, in which the latter walked a majority of 10,000. Mr. Harrison walked about the White house as a boy with a new pair of boots. He was in the cabinet room, in the ante-room and at the telegraph operators' table eagerly inquiring for news. Two or three times he asked Doorkeeper Loefelner if any of the cabinet members had been heard from, but nobody came. The president was getting more and more in his loneliness when Attorney-General Miller arrived, and the president and his once former law partner at once retired to the library to talk over the situation.

About the same time a dispatch was received from Virginia, and the employees of the white house nearly quarreled about the delivery of it in the president's room. None of them wanted to be the bearer of bad news. Finally the door-keeper solved the puzzle by calling Mr. Halford out and placing the discouraging message in his hands. It was a dispatch from Richmond announcing the complete overthrow of the administration's ticket. The candidate, Ross Mahone, a second came upon the face of the president, but Attorney General Miller's tact did not desert him. He immediately called the president's attention to the peculiar state of affairs in Montana, and opening the revised statutes, read the law on the administration of the new states. For half an hour nothing was talked of in the library but the forthcoming proclamation admitting Montana to the Union. No other callers came, and the big house, so nicely lighted up, would have been entirely deserted had not a few newspaper correspondents struggled in to make inquiries. Only the faithful Loefelner, the law partner with the president in this hour of trial, and the poor private secretary looked as if he had had another attack of illness.

About 9 o'clock a dispatch was received stating that Foraker was falling behind in Ohio, and that there was a strong probability of his defeat. Had Mahone been safe, and the situation favorable in other respects, probably the president would not have shed many tears over Foraker. But under the circumstances, the horizon appearing black with smoke from republican funeral fires, he mourned Foraker as a brother. It looked too much as if six months of Harrison had, in fact, discarded the country, and the president's sadness and at the same time his interest in the legal aspect of the Montana case visibly increased.

Some a dispatch came in announcing that notwithstanding the raising of the old soldier issue for the first time in the history of New Jersey the democrats had carried the state as usual, and the gloom became very thick in the White house. Finally Mr. Halford concluded something would have to be done, so he adopted the plan so familiar to him during his newspaper days of fixing up a bogus dispatch for the President's eye, and had sent into the library a message purporting to come from Richmond and stating that there was still a fighting chance for Mahone. While this was cheering the President Mr. Halford found time to do a little figuring, and he presently walked into the library with a piece of paper in his hand and called the President's attention to the mathematics which demonstrated that New York had elected the republican state ticket.

A little after 10 o'clock the fusillade of press dispatches brought such a pill of gloom upon the mansion that the attorney-general could not stand it and he started for home. The faithful Loefelner held the fort till a little after 11, and then he, too, went home, and the lights in the White House were soon extinguished. With the single exception of the message received from the ragged Mahone early in the day, the president did not receive any private messages. Nobody in New York or New Jersey or Virginia or Ohio or anywhere remembered him with even a tentative message. For their news members of the cabinet and other prominent republican officials went to the newspaper offices or clubs. At one of the newspaper offices there was a gathering of Clarkson, Dudley and other "practical" politicians, and they had private dispatches by the score. But they did not think to have one of them repeated over the White House wire. It was a very lonely and tiresome night for Mr. Harrison.

Parisian Styles From the Louvre.

First class fabrics are more varied and beautiful than ever, remarked the proprietor of the New York Dry Goods Store, as he placed upon the counter for my inspection some of the most novel colorings of evening shades of silks with garlands of flowers, moss roses, elder blossoms, palmetto leaves, not unlike the embroidered fashion of Louis XVI, silks in fact representing the tropics during mid-summer. The handsome ground of the various patterns was an old-fashioned line, embellished here and there with moss roses, the colorings of which were red, red-saffron and dahlia. The New York Store intends having their fashionable modiste convert some of these novelties into stylish dresses which will ere long be placed on exhibition in their windows. The New York Dry Goods Store is particularly conspicuous and noted for their enterprise. They carry by far the finest line of dry goods in Montana.

Stylish millinery at Fowler's Cash Store.

Don Davenport Coal Company: office removed to Gates' building, corner Warren and Sixth avenue. Coal exclusively.

Ladies, first (beaver) is among the best dress shoes ever shown. It is made for \$12.50.

See N. Nathan's Great Special Sale on Monday, Nov. 11.

200 dozen handkerchiefs! 200 dozen handkerchiefs! Handkerchiefs worth 10c. for 5c.; handkerchiefs worth 25c. for 10c.; handkerchiefs 25c. for 12½c.

Extra—Combination sale of towels; great variety. Towels worth 25c. for 12½c.

Extra! extra! kid gloves worth \$1.00 for 50c. Gloves \$1.50 for 75c. on Monday, Nov. 11, only.

N. NATHAN.

No. 15 South Main St., Helena, Mont.

Stylish Wraps.

A great many stylish wraps have appeared of late on the streets in the society of refined ladies. These wraps are not imported by the wearers from distant cities but bought right here at home. Since Brunell & Co. received this stock of winter cloaks

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## CARPETS! CARPETS! CARPETS!

We are now showing the Most Complete Line of Carpets west of New York. Call and see and be convinced that our display bears us out in this very truthful assertion.

## Wilton Moquets, English Body Brussels, Velvets, Tapestries!

And a full line of Wool and Cotton Chains. Also a Complete Line of Mattings, Etc. All the Latest, which are also the Nobbiest, designs in Rugs, Lace Curtains and Silk Draperies.

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50 Dozen Ladies' Jersey Ribbed Vests, 50c. EACH.

24 Dozen Ladies' Kid Gloves at 75c. PER PAIR.

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